

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 8 and 9 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 8 and 9 are duplicate claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claim 13 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 13 and 23, the phrase "for example" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 1-10, 15-20 and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ketola et al. (US 2001/0029194).

As to claim 1 and 5, Ketola et al. disclose a mobile communication device that comprises a controller (Fig 1) and a method of operating a mobile communications

devices that comprises steps: in response to an application start event, determining if the event is associated with a reminder item stored in a memory, and in the event of a positive determination, controlling the device to announce the reminder item (Fig 4).

As to claim 2-4 and 6-9, Ketola et al. disclose a mobile device with a controller (Fig 1) and a method that comprises determining a telephone number associated with a call handler application on or following a call handler application start event, and controlling the device to announce only if correspondence is present between the telephone number and an identifier forming part of the reminder item (Fig 4).

As to claim 10 and 20, Ketola et al. discloses a mobile communication device that comprises a controller (Ketola et al. Fig 1) and a method of operating a mobile communication device that comprises steps: controlling the device to allow a user to select an application and to allow a user to initiate an application start event reminder; associating the reminder with the application; and storing the reminder with an application indicator in a memory (Ketola et al. Fig4)

As to claim 15 and 25, Ketola et al. disclose a mobile device with a controller (Fig 1) and a method that comprises steps: receiving an input comprising an indicator of an application and an indication that an application start event reminder is required; associating the reminder with an application identified by the indicator; and storing the reminder with the or another application indicator in a memory (Fig 4).

As to claim 16 and 26, Ketola et al. disclose a mobile device with a controller (Fig 1) and a method that comprises steps: in response to an application start event, determining if the event is associated with a reminder stored in the memory, and, in the

event of a positive determination, controlling the device to announce the reminder (Fig 4).

As to claim 17 and 27, Ketola et al. disclose a mobile device with a controller (Fig 1) and a method that comprises steps: if an identifier associated with the application at the time of the application start event and relating to a device or resource address, a sub-routine or a device setting corresponds to an or the identifier forming part of the reminder item, and controlling the device to announce only if correspondence is present (Fig 4)

As to claim 18 and 28, Ketola et al. disclose a mobile device with a controller (Fig 1) and a method that comprises steps: determining also if an identifier which relates to a device or resource address, a sub-routine or a device setting and which becomes associated with the application following the application start event and whilst the application is running on the device corresponds to an or the identifier forming part of the reminder item, and controlling the device to announce only if correspondence is present (Fig 4).

As to claim 19 and 29, Ketola et al. disclose a mobile device with a controller (Fig 1) and a method that comprises steps: determining a telephone number associated with a call handler application on or following a call handler application start event, and controlling the device to announce only if correspondence is present between the telephone number and an identifier forming part of the reminder item (Fig 4).

5. Claim 10-14 and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McCarthy (US 2002/0024540).

As to claim 10 and 20, McCarthy discloses a mobile communication device that comprises a controller (McCarthy [0024]) and a method of operating a mobile communication device that comprises steps: controlling the device to allow a user to select an application and to allow a user to initiate an application start event reminder; associating the reminder with the application; and storing the reminder with an application indicator in a memory (McCarthy Fig 3 and 4)

As to claim 11 and 21, McCarthy discloses a mobile device with a controller ([0024]) and a method that allows a user to select an application, controlling the device to present plural options including an option to initiate an application start event reminder (Fig 3 and 4)

As to claim 12 and 22, McCarthy discloses a mobile device with a controller ([0024]) and a method that allows a user to initiate an application start event reminder, controlling the device to present a list of applications (Fig 3 and 4).

As to claim 13 and 23, McCarthy discloses a mobile device with a controller ([0024]) and a method that allows a user to enter an additional input, for example a text input, and associating the input with the reminder (Fig 3 and 4).

As to claim 14 and 24, McCarthy discloses a mobile device with a controller ([0024]) and a method that allows a user to enter or select an identifier, and associating the identifier with the reminder (Fig 3 and 4).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ichieh Cheng whose telephone number is 571-270-

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on 571-272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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